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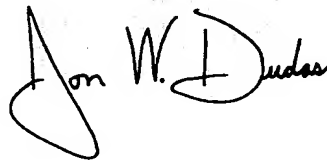
It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title page.

Item [73], Assignee, "**Canon Kabushik Kaisha**" should read -- **Canon Kabushiki Kaisha** --.

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a cursive "Dudas".

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